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Shinji IMAI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/534,204

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Examiner: A. Gagliardi

For: IMAGE READ-OUT METHOD AND SYSTEM, SOLID IMAGE SENSOR, AND
IMAGE DETECTING SHEET

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.68

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Day
Sir:

We Shinji IMAI and Hiroaki YASUDA, both citizens of Japan, both residing at Kaisei-machi, Japan; Post Office address c/o Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd., 798 Miyanodai, Kaisei-machi, Ashigarakami-gun, Kanagawa-ken, Japan, declare:

That we made and conceived the invention described and claimed in Patent application No. 09/534,204, filed in the United States of America on March 24, 2000, titled "IMAGE READ-OUT METHOD AND SYSTEM, SOLID IMAGE SENSOR, AND IMAGE DETECTING SHEET".

That we, Shinji IMAI and Hiroaki YASUDA, made and conceived this invention while employed by Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd. That the invention is related to the work we are employed to perform and was made within the scope of our employment duties. That the invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services of Fuji Photo Film Co., Ltd.

That to the best of our knowledge and belief:

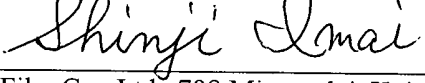
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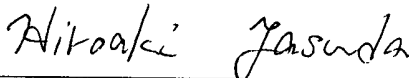
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The invention was not made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under nor is there any relationship of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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